



Health impacts of climate change

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Abstract:

Anticipating more human health problems from global warming, the World Health Organization (WHO) and several United Nations partners announced a new research agenda to produce better estimates of the scale and nature of human health vulnerability due to changing climate, as well as to find health-protecting strategies and tools. WHO warned that warming may be gradual but the effects, more storms, floods, droughts, and heat waves will be abrupt and acutely felt. WHO predicted that global warming will influence some of the most fundamental determinants of health, air, water, food, shelter, and freedom from disease. The impact will be global, but consequences will not be evenly distributed. Climate change will affect problems that are already huge, largely concentrated in the developing world, and will be difficult to control. The program will provide better surveillance and forecasting, stronger basic health services, and more effective means to help people adapt to a changing climate and to limit climate change's effect on health.

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Resource Description

Exposure :

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Extreme Weather Event, Temperature

Extreme Weather Event: Drought, Flooding

Temperature: Extreme Heat, Fluctuations

Geographic Feature:

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

Geographic Location:

resource focuses on specific location

Global or Unspecified

Health Impact:

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

Climate Change and Human Health Literature Portal

General Health Impact

Resource Type: 

format or standard characteristic of resource

Policy/Opinion

Timescale: 

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified